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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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For: **Compositions and Methods for Reverse Transcription of Nucleic Acid Molecules**  
Inventors: Gerard *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0942.4330003/RWE/BJD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate);
2. Four pages of Form PTO-1449 citing documents submitted in parent application 09/064,057; and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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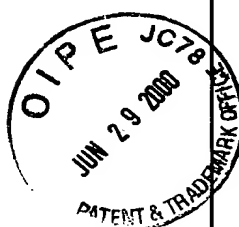
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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The numbering on this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' First Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 20, 1999 in connection with the above-captioned application. Copies of the cited documents were cited by, or submitted to, the office in U.S. Application No. 09/064,057, filed March 22, 1998, which is relied on for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the

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